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STUDENT LIFE

Sammy Spartan suits up for first-annual birthday bash

By Ryan Brown  
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Often a mysterious figure, Sammy Spartan is usually only seen on special occasions, yet he is a symbol that publicly represents SJSU. Today, students will get the chance to party with their university’s mascot at the first-ever celebration of Sammy Spartan’s birthday.

The Associated Students-hosted event will start at 6 p.m. and run until 7:30 p.m. with free food, games and prizes in addition to the opportunity to sing Sammy “Happy birthday” for the first time, according to Bradyn Blower, A.S. events coordinator.

“This is the first time, to my knowledge, that there is an event surrounding Sammy Spartan or his birthday,” Blower said.

The celebration will be held in the SJSU Event Center quad, and will lead up to the women’s volleyball match against Boise State, beginning at 7 p.m.

The event also coincides with the Student Appreciation Festival, which takes place at 11:30 a.m. near the Aquatic Center, though Blower said the timing of the events wasn’t intentional.

Blower said party guests can expect some “pretty typical games you might find at a birthday party,” including a Sammy Spartan version of “Pin the Tail on the Donkey” and other carnival games.

While Blower said it has been difficult to confirm the mascot’s earliest appearance, she said images of Sammy have appeared on school signage dating as far back as 1940. Sammy also hasn’t changed much since a costume makeover in 2007, according to Blower.

Mike Marqua, a senior radio, television and film major who’s donned the Sammy costume since 2010, said he knows the importance of the Spartan mascot better than many.



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The Sammy Spartan costume rests backstage prior to the SJSU Employee Services Fair on Tuesday.

“It means a lot of things,” he said.

As one of at least three current Sammy performers, Marqua understands his role in “representing the school, being part of the crowd and getting the team and the fans pumped up” at sporting events.

While he only takes on the persona part-time now, Marqua is sure that he’s had an impact on the university and its students. The

most recent event he wore the costume at was the SJSU football game at Stanford.

“I feel like a super-cheerleader,” he said. “Someone who can represent the school in a positive and energetic way and just make the fans excited to be there.”

Officially, the university’s website states that the student government voted the Spartan nickname into place in 1942.

A visual timeline of Sammy’s transformation can also be found in the Sammy Spartan gallery on the SJSU Pinterest page.

Blower said Sammy has never had a formal birth date, but A.S. felt it was time to honor the symbol that’s represented SJSU for nearly 75 years.

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GUNS

Firearms unwelcomed at Starbucks

By Jenny Bennett  
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The next time you go to Starbucks, remember to leave your firearms at home.

Starbucks Coffee Company does not want firearms in its stores, CEO Howard Schultz stated in an open letter posted on the company website Sept. 17.

“We are respectfully requesting that customers no longer bring firearms into our stores or outdoor seating areas – even in states where ‘open carry’ is permitted – unless

they are authorized law enforcement personnel,” Schultz stated.

“Open carry” is the term used for openly carrying a firearm in public in the U. S., Schultz stated.

The California Penal Code does not permit open carry of firearms, but does allow concealed carry of firearms with the proper permit.

Schultz stated that Starbucks stores and employees have been unwillingly thrust into the middle of the gun debate in recent months.

Starbucks is neither anti-gun nor pro-gun, Jaime Riley, a Starbucks

Coffee Company Global Communications representative, stated in an email.

Dwayne Ludwig, a Starbucks employee and San Jose resident, said he believes guns should be kept out of the stores.

“We shouldn’t have to deal with it,” he said.

Riley stated that employees will not have to enforce this request.

Ludwig asked his fellow employees while he was taking an order, “Do we want guns in our stores?”

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Customers wait in line to order their beverages at a local Starbucks.

CAMPUS



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Students cut across the grass by the Spartan Memorial chapel as construction continues to block off an entrance to Paseo de San Antonio from campus.

SJSU students walk on the grass to get to class

By Kristi Myllenbeck  
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There comes a time when most SJSU students have to decide whether to walk on the grass or the path.

With so many students trying to get from point A to point B (often in a hurry), there are really only two options.

Either students walk on the grass to take a shortcut or walk on the

concrete pathways that meander through campus.

SJSU electrician Lee Costello said people often walk across the grass corners where pathways form a “V” shape.

“These kind of corners don’t work,” he said. “People don’t walk that way – people don’t walk like robots.”

Costello said he thinks the layout

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Correction:

In the Sept. 25 edition of the *Spartan Daily*, the A&E article “One Night with Janis Joplin’ is a night well spent” incorrectly identified Shinnerrie Jackson as the actress who played the blues singer. The correct actress is Tiffany Mann.

The *Spartan Daily* regrets the error.



REVIEW

# Grand Theft Auto V steals the spotlight for gamers



Photo courtesy of usgamer.net

By Juan Reyes  
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There’s no better way to describe Grand Theft Auto V other than as a fantastic masterpiece filled with a cast of colorful characters, an array of vehicles and weapons and a landscape said to be bigger than GTA San Andreas, GTA IV and Red Dead Redemption combined.

One of the biggest changes Rockstar North made in the series is the ability to switch and control three protagonists from time to time in the game.

Michael De Santa, Franklin Clinton and Trevor Philips terrorize, kill and rob the streets of the reanimated metropolis known as Los Santos to gain power, respect and most importantly, tons of money.

We learn that De Santa is a former heist mastermind in his mid-40s who lives a luxurious life in a neighborhood similar to Hollywood but comes to find out life isn’t all that grand for him.

De Santa discovers that his wife has been cheating on him with her tennis coach. He

also doesn’t get along with his snobby Paris Hilton wannabe daughter living in the fantasy world of Vinewood and, on top of all that, has a loser for a son who plays video games in his room all day, shouting obscene gestures to other players about his manhood.

Once he meets Clinton during a mission, De Santa finds out he’s far from retirement and has the itch to pull another heist after he gets into a financial situation with one of the local crime lords. As for Clinton, he’s a skilled driver from the hood who’s always on a mission and looking to come up on some fast cash, whether it’s in the dope game or on a robbery.

Both Clinton and De Santa team up with a group of other money-hungry street soldiers and take on what is one of many heists to come in the game.

And who can forget Philips? This guy has to be one of the most deranged, psychotic, vicious characters to appear in a video game since as far back as I can remember.

Philips is a methamphetamine dealer who lives out in the boonies far from Los Santos

and likes to do things his way. He also doesn’t get along well with others, especially De Santa and Clinton, but he realizes in the later missions that in order to get a job done right, the least he can do is cooperate with the guys.

There’s also been plenty of talk around the water cooler about a disturbing scene from a mission called “By the Book” which involves Philips and an FIB agent. Philips is equipped with tools to torture the agent and does it to get information on an Azerbaijani fugitive ready to pull some kind of stunt.

Some human rights advocates found this part of the story to be distasteful, but then again, it’s just a video game, right?

The game developers over at Rockstar delivered a rock solid script once again by tying in the three protagonists over the course of the game. The missions are action-packed from start to finish and when you’re not playing the main story, there’s plenty to do in Los Santos.

For example, I took Clinton to the gun

**If you thought game developers were going to tone it down a bit in their latest release, think again.**

range to improve his shooting skills and also challenged a group of off-road racers for a chance at some easy money.

Other ways to kill time, or people in the game, is to take on assassination missions or play a round of nine holes at the Los Santos Golf Club.

However, one of my favorite activities in the game is still the street racing. I can

tell the driving controls have been improved because the car handles much smoother and has the feel of an arcade racer, almost like a Need for Speed type of game.

The soundtrack is flawless as always and there are plenty of radio stations to satisfy everyone’s taste in music. Music ranges from vintage jams like Foreigner’s “Dirty White Boy” on Los Santos Rock Radio to the West Coast Classics station featuring Ice Cube’s “You Know How We Do It” and “Dollaz and Sense” by DJ Quick.

Rockstar also featured an original music score in the game and it’s the first time game developers have tried something like it with any of the GTA titles.

At first, the new background music was sort of bothersome and it just wasn’t the game to which I was accustomed. However, it quickly grew on me once I realized it fit in perfectly with certain situations during a mission.

For example, if De Santa was on a stealth mission, the music would be a more mellow, quiet beat with perhaps a continuous snare and a splash of synthesizer melodies to add a dramatic sound.

If you thought game developers were going to tone it down a bit in their latest release, think again. There’s plenty of sex, drugs, alcohol and violence in the land of Los Santos that’ll make parents think twice about purchasing this game for their little ones.

Perhaps the script writers went a bit overboard with the infamous torture scene. Some of the comments made during the game even made me raise my brows at times, but then again, it is Grand Theft Auto.


Just when I think I’ve seen it all from Rockstar, they continue to surprise me over and over with what I think is the greatest and most enjoyable game of the year so far.

Juan Reyes is a Spartan Daily staff writer.




See “The media’s stigmatization of video games” by Michael Chen

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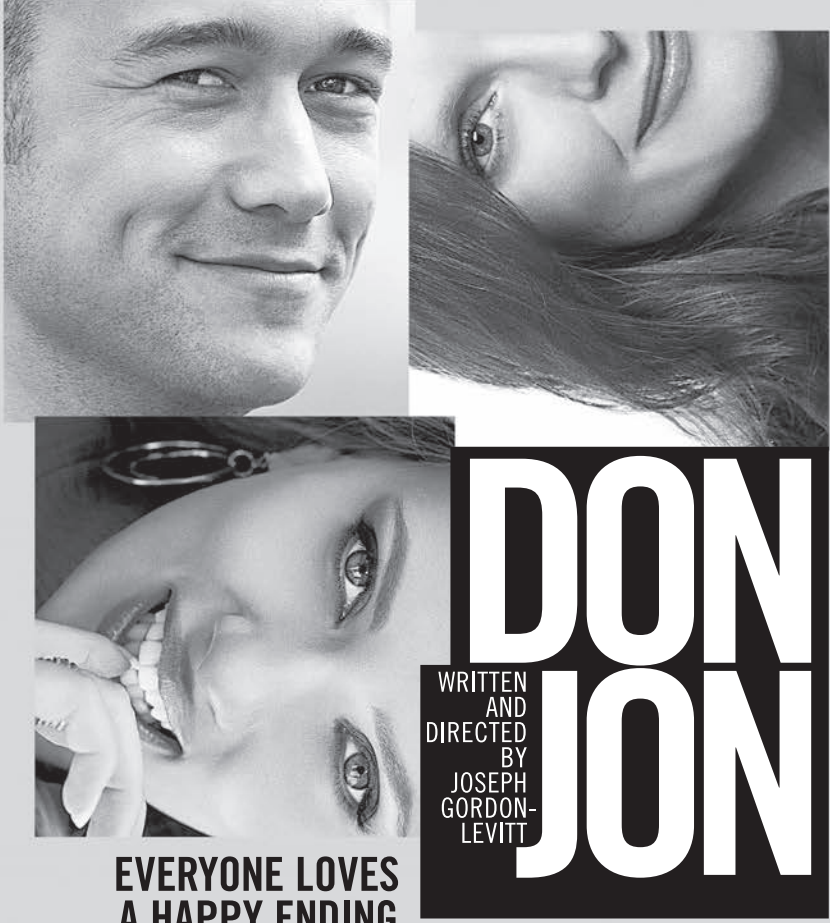
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# Pathway: The grass isn't always greener for SJSU

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of the pathways is awkward and makes it difficult for students to avoid cutting across the grass. "People don't walk that way, cars don't even drive that way," he said. "I think they ought to fill the corners in."

According to Mattyar Nowzari, path-walker and sophomore software engineering major, staying off the grass is habit for him.

"Since high school I've learned to walk on the path — always," he said. "You'll get your shoes dirty. Not that I really care about dirty shoes, but you don't want to walk into class leaving tracks everywhere (and) it's kind of embarrassing."

Nowzari said he also sticks to his path-walker ways out of respect for the grass.

"The grass gets messed up after a while and it kind of shows," he said. "Trodden-on grass just looks bad, I'll leave it at that."

Jonathan Domingo, senior occupational therapy major and grass-walker, said he

thinks students should be allowed to walk anywhere.

"There are no restrictions or limits that I see from my point of view," he said.

Domingo said he walks on the grass mostly to take shortcuts, but for other reasons as well.

"I actually enjoy walking on the grass — it's more comfortable," he said.

Domingo said that frequency of walking on the grass contributes to the damage of it.

"It's not a problem that I know of unless the same people take the same path every day," he said. "Then it will cause the grass to wither and decay."

Hector Gonzalez, SJSU grounds maintenance employee, said students walking on the grass can be a hindrance to lawn upkeep efforts.

"We take too long to grow the grass then students are walking on it all the time," he said. "Every year, every semester, we plant some grass, then as soon as the kids start walking,

boom — the grass disappears. We can't do nothing about it."

Gonzalez said grounds maintenance employees have voiced their opinions about creating more logical pathways through campus.

"We make suggestions to do more walkways, especially on the shortcuts, but there is no way to avoid it," he said. "Even if we put concrete walkways, (students) are still walking on the lawns."

Gonzalez noted the student-made dirt pathway between Campus Village A and Joe West Hall.

Despite signs asking students to take the pathways, Gonzalez said it is still the most commonly used pathway to get between these two buildings.

Gonzalez said this is upsetting to him.

"It's a lot of labor to cover all this and then seed it," he said. "They're going to put concrete here, but I don't know how long it's going to take."

Gonzalez said grounds maintenance comes out of student tuition costs.

Grounds maintenance specialist Jose Solano said students will walk on the grass regardless of signs or attempted restrictions.

"There is no way to avoid it," he said.

According to Costello, students often have no choice but to use the grass.

"I think right now with all the construction that's going on around here, there's hardly any room to walk on the sidewalks," he said.

Costello said there may be a reason why students use the grass as a place to walk and relax.

"If you look around, there needs to be more seating," he said. "There is very little seating anywhere."

Costello said students on a college campus should enjoy the campus lawns.

"It makes a big difference for a student to be able to go on the lawn and read or take a nap, you know," he said. "They're industrial grade lawns, they're not gonna die from being walked or laid on."

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# Ban: Starbucks CEO requests customers to leave guns at home

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One shouted back, "No, not at all."

Ludwig said he never been to a state that permits open carry.

"I don't think we should have guns in the U.S.," he said.

On Aug. 9th, the Starbucks in Newtown, Conn. was to be the meeting location for advocacy groups on different sides of the open carry

debate, Chris Carr, executive vice president of U.S. retail for Starbucks Coffee Company, stated in a press release posted to the company website.

"We recognize that there is significant and genuine passion surrounding this topic, however, out of respect for Newtown and everything the community has been through,

we decided to close our store early before the event started," Carr stated.

On Dec. 14, 2012, 26 people were killed in a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. according to an article by the New York Times.

"This decision is not the result of one particular incident," Riley

stated. "Recent activities by groups on both sides of the gun debate have politicized and misrepresented our brand for their own benefit, while unwillingly thrusting our stores and partners in the middle of this increasingly uncivil debate."

"We just believe that weapons should not be part of our coffee house experience," she stated.

Rika Hirachi, a senior graphic design major and Starbucks patron, said she thinks that keeping guns out of Starbucks is a good idea, but it might not work.

"If you ban guns, they may lose customers," she said. "Having guns in stores is kind of dangerous"

Jenny Bennett is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

# Mascot: Archived images of Sammy Spartan date back as far as 1940

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"Sammy is a good representation of tradition here at San Jose State and we've seen his face here for a very long time," Blower said. "Even though it's changed, it's always been the same lovable guy."

In addition to playing a key role in Spartan athletics, Marqua also said he believes Sammy's importance extends to connecting students to the university.

**They love Sammy. They want to give him a hug or a fist bump or a high five.**

Bradyn Blower  
A.S. events coordinator

"There's plenty of things I've done that have nothing to do with San Jose State athletics," Marqua said. "Community events are a way to reach out and have the community be familiar

with who Sammy Spartan is."

Blower said she also believes Sammy's reach expands beyond sports such as football and basketball, and that he's an "important part of San Jose State that students really appreciate."

"Students, children, adults and everyone of every age want to take a picture with Sammy," she said. "They love Sammy. They want to give him a hug or a fist bump or a high five."

Marqua said he feels Sammy represents every Spartan, and that students who come to care about the university usually find an attachment with "the symbol of the school" as well.

He said love for Sammy is a matter of school spirit, no matter what a student's other interests are.

"Sammy is one of those things on campus that is for everybody," Blower said.

Ryan Brown is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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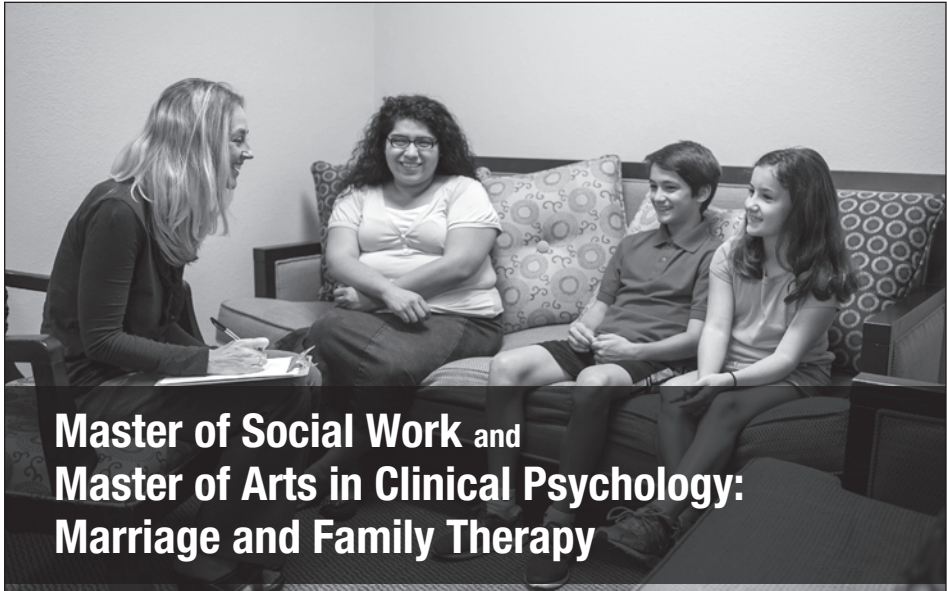
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BEHIND THE WHEEL

AT&T spending millions to get message across: Texting while driving can wait

By Cheryl Hall  
McClatchy Tribune

As AT&T Inc.'s global marketing officer, Cathy Coughlin controls billions of dollars to build the brand and land deals like the one that put AT&T's name on the Dallas Cowboys' stadium.

But there's one campaign that Coughlin says is in a class by itself. The world's largest telecommunications company will spend "tens of millions" this year to encourage people not to use its products and services — at least not when they are behind the wheel.

The 56-year-old senior executive vice president is leading the charge for It Can Wait, which aims to make texting and driving as socially unacceptable as drinking and driving.

Drivers 18 to 25 are particularly vulnerable, although the problem is mounting in all age groups.

"It's very personal for me," Coughlin said. "I have 10 nieces and nephews. I would be absolutely heartbroken if anything happened to one of them."

In 2009, AT&T Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson told Coughlin to come up with ways to curb the dangerous habit. That effort morphed into a national movement.

For the last year, Coughlin (pronounced cog-lin) has been consorting with the enemies — Sprint Corp., T-Mobile US Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. — to get the message across.

"We are the fiercest competitors," Coughlin said in her headquarters office in downtown Dallas. "But this is one of those issues where everybody says, 'We have a responsibility here."

"We need to make sure that people know that you are 23 times more likely to be in an accident if you're texting. There's 100,000 accidents a year where texting is involved."

This alliance of telecom titans recently sponsored Drive 4 Pledges Day, patterned after the Great American Smokeout.

The four carriers spent millions of dollars on co-branded advertising on national TV, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, and helped put on nearly 2,000 events coast to coast.

More than 1,500 businesses, government agencies, nonprofits and organizations also took up the cause.

"We saw an incredible groundswell of support," Coughlin said. "Students rallied at 1,500 high schools. Mayors ... united against texting while driving. Professional sports teams rallied their fans. Blimps flew the message high over big cities."

The preliminary results: The number of people who had sworn off texting and driving had risen from 2.5 million to well over 3 million nationwide.

When AT&T held its first national pledge day a year ago, it treated the campaign like a major product launch.

"We couldn't sit on the sidelines, and there was no Mothers Against Drunk Driving to lead the charge," Coughlin said.

Verizon's CEO, Lowell McAdam, was so impressed that he immediately called Stephenson and asked whether Verizon could join the cause, she said. Sprint and T-Mobile quickly signed on, too.

You may have seen or heard the two current hard-hitting, in-your-face commercials:



Photo courtesy of McClatchy Tribune

The angry and distraught mother of 8-year-old Xzavier, who lost his legs and is paralyzed from the diaphragm down after being hit by a texting motorist.

A young father who killed three Amish children riding in the family's horse-drawn buggy just after texting "I love you" to his wife.

Celebrities who have taken the pledge include country music star Tim McGraw, pro golfer Zach Johnson and pop recording artists Demi Lovato and One Republic.

A 35-minute documentary by famed director Werner Herzog has gotten 2.2 million views since it was released two months ago on the It Can Wait website.

AT&T produces all the creative work, and the partners sign off on it. The four carriers are pooling their resources to get the messages in front of the public.

"For more than a decade, Verizon has supported hands-free driving legislation across the country," said Michelle Miller, president of the Central Texas region for Verizon Wireless. "Joining forces with other carriers and the many organizations and businesses involved with the It Can Wait campaign allows us to

leverage our collective resources and helps amplify the awareness message and encourage safe driving here in Texas and across the country."

The PSAs will run on TV for 30 weeks this year vs. 16 weeks in 2012, when AT&T was going it alone, Coughlin said. "That's an example of how we're getting greater reach because we're coming together."

Ralph de la Vega, president and CEO of AT&T Mobility, has worked closely with Coughlin on It Can Wait.

"Her passion for putting an end to texting while driving is palpable," he said. "This is a movement that's touched people on a personal level and rallied our employees around the cause."

It Can Wait has become part of the AT&T corporate fabric. Any employee with a company-issued phone — and that's just about everyone — has to sign a code of conduct that includes a prohibition on texting behind the wheel.

Its 240,000 employees have universally embraced the ban, she said, and have handed out more than 2.5 million It Can Wait stickers. "It has been lightning in a bottle."

Coughlin used to be a texting offender until about seven years ago, when she bumped into a car in front of her while looking down at her BlackBerry.

She swore off texting while in the driver's seat — even at stoplights.

She wanted to show kids what it's

like to go through a scare, so AT&T takes a fleet of portable simulators to high schools across the country. "They're stunned when they crash," she said. "Teens are heavy texters, new drivers — deadly combination."

Jamie Nash Wiens, who was burned over 70 percent of her body in a one-car wreck in June 2010, is one of It Can Wait's most effective spokespeople.

Earlier this year, Nash Wiens accompanied Coughlin to the Episcopal School of Dallas, where she spoke to an auditorium of 15-year-olds who were about to get their learner's permits.

Nash Wiens showed them the excruciating police dash-cam video that recorded her tortured screams while being trapped inside a burning car for 23 minutes.

She's haunted by the fact that she routinely texted while her children were with her, and they could have easily been victims of the inferno, too.

"Reliving what happened to me is very emotional," Nash Wiens said. "But I know that it's for a good cause — to get my story out there, influence others not to text and drive, and hopefully save lives. So I push my feelings aside."

Coughlin said the word is getting out.

"Seventy-five percent of Americans have heard the message on the dangers of texting and driving," she said. "But we haven't gotten 75 percent of Americans to stop texting and driving. Now we have to move the needle on behavior."

"We're going to stay after this."



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# Black women at great risk for homicidal domestic violence

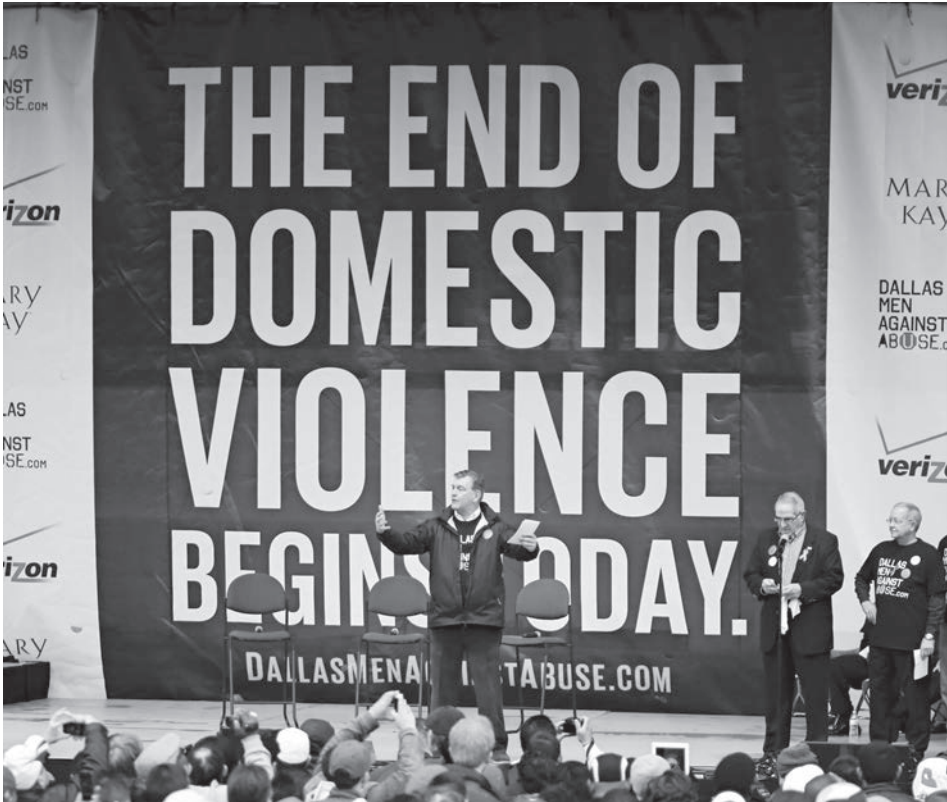


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By Selwyn Crawford  
McClatchy Tribune

DALLAS — Domestic violence is a crime that cuts a painful swath across all races, socioeconomic levels and cultures.

But experts in the field say that one set of victims — black women — is at a far greater risk to experience the grimmest of all domestic violence statistics: They are about three times more likely to die at the hands of a partner or ex-partner than members of other racial groups. Intimate-partner homicide is also among the leading causes of death for black women ages 15 to 35.

And, the experts add, their plight may not change anytime soon because of complex underlying causes that in some cases stretch back generations: unemployment, poverty, lack of education, incarceration and violent environments.

“A lot of groups have economic issues, but a lot of groups have not had the economic issues we’ve had for as long as we’ve had, for the reasons that we’ve had,” said Dr. Gail Wyatt, a professor of psychiatry and bio-behavioral sciences at UCLA for 35 years.

“This is not just an African-American problem, but we are disproportionately affected by it.”

Domestic violence killings have become a high-profile issue in Texas. In August 2012, authorities say, 32-year-old Deanna Cook’s ex-husband killed her in her home as she called 911 for help. Records show he had a history of abuse.

Last month, police say, Erbie Bowser shot and killed four people, including his ex-girlfriend and estranged wife, and wounded four others in

a horrific domestic violence spree. Bowser also had a history of domestic abuse.

In 2012, Dallas police recorded 12 intimate partner murders, and six of the victims were black women. Overall, the department recorded 13,324 family violence offenses — 7,366 involving African-Americans.

Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell, nursing professor at Johns Hopkins University and a leader in the field, has spent more than three decades focusing on black homicidal domestic abuse. She started at a time when she said it was the No. 1 cause of death for black women.

In 1986, she developed the danger assessment tool to help determine the likelihood that an abused woman would be killed by her intimate partner. The tool is still in use.

Campbell said that while prior domestic violence is the top risk factor in determining future attacks, unemployment is “by far the most important demographic” in putting someone at risk to be killed by an intimate partner.

The latest national unemployment rate for blacks is 13 percent, more than double the 6.4 percent for whites. For black men, that figure is 13.5 percent, compared with 6.2 percent for white male.

“Unemployed white men were as likely to kill their partners as unemployed black men, but because the black unemployment rate is higher, we see more deaths of black women,” Campbell said. “In this society ... having a job is meaningful in terms of one’s sense of masculinity. If they don’t have that prestige, if they can’t control anything else, at least I’m going to control my woman.”

Changing the thoughts and actions of men is a major focus of those attempting to reduce homicidal violence against black women.

“This won’t change unless men are engaged,” said Dr. Tricia Bent-Goodley, a professor of social work at Howard University, another top researcher. “Men must be included because they have been the missing link. Without them, we are going to have (more) women and children losing their lives.”

Dr. Gail Garfield is an associate professor in the sociology department at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at City University of New York who also has done extensive study in the field. She said socioeconomic factors ranging from chronic employment to high rates of incarceration, combined with others, lead to a feeling of disrespect that can lead to homicidal violence.

“Poor black men ... have simply lost a lot of hope. They have nothing to lose, except for one thing, and that one thing is respect,” Garfield said. “Black people are real big on respect, especially poor black people. However that respect gets defined, once that line has been crossed, you see violence and violation.”

The experts also say other causes are at play that also factor into the deaths of black women at the hands of their partners. These issues go back decades and are steeped in traditions and habits that are difficult to break.

For example, domestic violence researchers say black women often remain in volatile relationships longer than abused women of other races. Bent-Goodley said some “African-American women just don’t feel safe in interacting with some of the systems” designated to help abuse victims, such as the police or even women’s shelters.

Or if they do decide to leave an abusive partner, their plans are often met with resistance by family members or religious leaders. So the violence continues to escalate and many of the women don’t even realize how dangerous their situation is.

Bishop T.D. Jakes, senior pastor of The Potter’s House in Dallas, said faith plays a major role in the issue. But he, too, stressed the other factors that lead to abuse.

“Statistics prove that during the recession, domestic violence increased drastically,” Jakes said. “Anger and rage are building up in the hearts of men who feel helpless and hopeless. And more and more, men have rage that is suppressed. We have got to find a better way to handle our frustrations.”

And in many other instances, black women who are abuse victims, instead of reporting the assaults or leaving, choose to fight back physically. The experts say it’s a cultural standard that is often applauded and admired by those close to the women. But they also note that willingness to “take a punch if they have to” and then give one back can lead to even more intense abuse from an angry spouse or partner.

“One of the things that it means to be a man is to not be beaten up by a woman,” Garfield said. “So it can take one of these things from a woman who is talking back to a man, to a woman who is hit defending herself, to escalating the violence.”

Tonya Lovelace, director of the Women of Color Network in Harrisburg, Pa., said that because they are defending themselves, some women may mistakenly believe that they aren’t really in an abusive relationship.

“We still may be willing to fight back and defend ourselves, where ultimately what we’re trying to do is defend our relationship,” Lovelace said. “By the time we come to the conclusion that we need outside help ... something really severe has already happened. A lot of times we don’t even see these women until they have been killed.”

There is some good news, however. Overall, domestic violence cases, including those involving blacks, have dropped dramatically for more than a decade. This trend is expected to continue as domestic violence laws are improved and applied more equitably.

Also, the experts said it is important to note that although studies prove black women are at much greater risk to become victims of intimate partner violence, the vast majority are not abused. And, they add, black men are not naturally inclined to abuse their partners.

But that is not to say that Bent-Goodley and others in her field are trying to play down the problem.

“Yes, it’s gotten better since 1976, but it’s still going on,” said Campbell of Johns Hopkins, adding that both victims and abusers need help. “We need to make sure they get the kind of counseling they need. It can’t be a family secret. They have to get professional help so that they don’t continue the cycle.”

“I firmly believe we can get better at this and decrease the number of homicides,” Campbell added. “If I didn’t, I wouldn’t stay in the business.”

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FOOTBALL

Spartans set to enter Mountain West Conference against rival Utah State

By Ryan Silapan  
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The San Jose State football team will begin its inaugural season in the Mountain West Conference Friday night in grand fashion. The Spartans will host Utah State under the lights at 6 p.m. in a nationally televised game on ESPN.

After three non-conference games — including two against power-running teams in Stanford and Minnesota — the Spartans welcome the challenge of a new conference that plays a different style of football from what they have faced at the beginning of this season.

“It’s going to be a transition,” said SJSU Head Coach Ron Caragher. “We are going to be playing teams that are spread out.”

The Spartan defense doesn’t have the size or depth to play against smash-mouth football teams on a weekly basis, so beginning play in the Mountain West — a conference known for its share of spread offenses — is a blessing in disguise for the defense. The Spartans gave up a season-high 355 yards rushing in a 43-24 loss to Minnesota last week.

While Utah State is no Minnesota or Stanford, it is definitely no push over.

The Aggies feature a balanced offense of duel-threat quarterback Chuckie Keeton who has thrown for 1,144 yards for 14 touchdowns and only one interception along with 172 yards rushing. Running backs Joey DeMartino and Joey Hill have combined for 447 yards and five touchdowns, according to Utah State Athletics.

Caragher said he feels the Spartans have to step up their game if they want to be successful against Utah State.

... I think we learned we need to protect the quarterback because when he has time he can operate ...

Ron Caragher  
football head coach

“We definitely need to be an improved tackling football team,” Caragher said. “We need to establish a run game. Although I am not hung up by it all the time, it’s important to have a run game going.”

Having a balanced offense is nice but SJSU’s best chance to beat Utah State is to let David Fales do what he does best, air it out.

Fales threw for a season-high 439 yards on 22-of-35 passing including three touchdowns and two interceptions in Saturday’s loss to Minnesota.

That was without the services of his No. 1 target Noel Grigsby. Fales looked to fellow senior Chandler Jones who did not disappoint.

Jones caught seven passes for a career-high 197 yards and three touchdowns against the Golden Gophers.

If there is a weak spot in Utah State’s defense, it is its secondary.

“I think we learned we need to protect the quarterback because when he has time he can operate,” Caragher said. “We lost Noel Grigsby this past weekend and yet we didn’t let that hinder us or use it as an excuse. Our passing game continued to get better, and I foresee it getting better.”

The Spartans’ passing game adapted to life without Grigsby well Saturday, and if the team wants to succeed in the Mountain West they will have to adapt some more.

Unlike last year in the now defunct Western Athletic Conference, there will be no pushovers or cupcakes to be had in the Mountain West.

“I think there’s a lot of exciting playmakers in this conference and every week it’s going to be a challenge,” Caragher said. “There’s going to be no easy football teams and we knew that coming into this conference and we are excited to be here and the opportunity it presents.”

Utah State is battle tested this season. Of its two losses, both were Pac-12 schools in Utah and USC, and in both games the Aggies had chances to win late in the fourth quarter before falling by a combined seven points.

In its two victories, Utah State has outscored its opponents 122-26, so SJSU is definitely going to have to put some points on the board.

This hasn’t been said many times over the last three decades at SJSU, but Spartan Stadium will be rocking Friday night. ESPN will be there and a bevy of Spartan fans ready to help cheer their team to victory.

You can’t ask for a better way to start a new conference: a rival team and a national television spotlight in front of your home fans.

The only thing sweeter will be a victory. Now, that would be grand.

Ryan Silapan is a contributing writer.

RESEARCH

Wharton professor studies NFL draft

By Mike Jensen  
McClatchy Tribune

One of Wharton School professor Cade Massey’s recent research projects started as a consulting deal with a National Football League team.

The franchise asked Massey, “Who is best at the draft? Who should we be paying attention to?”

His answer was surprising.

“I went out and looked at the data,” said Massey, sitting in his office on the fifth floor of Huntsman Hall at Penn.

“It turned out, there are no differences in teams’ abilities to draft.”

There are clearly “huge differences” in outcomes, Massey was quick to point out.

“Some teams have great years, other teams have bad years — and it matters,” Massey said. “But those differences aren’t persistent year-to-year, which tells me that they are chance driven. Something between 95 and 100 percent — I’m not exaggerating — of team differences in the draft is driven by chance.”

There is skill involved in selecting players, the professor said.

“It’s just that teams are equally skilled, in a very uncertain environment,” Massey said.

That eye-opening conclusion probably won’t be received with a lot of “darn rights” within the NFL. But Massey, who previously worked at Duke and Yale, and coauthors NFL power rankings that were published in the Wall Street Journal, has punctured NFL balloons before.

An earlier paper he co wrote, titled “Loser’s Curse: Overconfidence vs. Market Efficiency in the NFL Draft,” basically flipped established beliefs about the worth of NFL draft choices. It got plenty of attention across sports.

On a basic level, this all makes sense. How much credit do the Patriots deserve for drafting Tom Brady

in the sixth round? If they’d known Brady was going to be half as good as he turned out to be, they obviously wouldn’t have let everyone else have a crack at him for five-plus rounds.

But Massey’s work goes deeper than that, into the real value of picks. For years, NFL teams based the worth of draft choices on something that came to be known as The Chart, and gave a value to each pick.

Except, according to research data collected by Massey and co-author Richard Thaler, it was all wrong. Top choices were overvalued once you factored in their salaries.

“The genesis of that paper is the ‘99 draft,” Massey said. The consensus was that Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch was the top pick, as he turned

out to be. Of course, Couch didn’t turn out to be the top QB. That was the year Donovan McNabb was drafted.

“We thought when you looked at ‘83, the lesson should have been, you don’t know which of these quarterbacks are going to be the good ones,” Massey said. “(Dan) Marino was the sixth (QB) taken. (John) Elway was first, but there’s (Tony) Eason and (Todd) Blackledge in between.”

For the football-history impaired, Marino was a bit better than Blackledge or Eason. But Massey’s point isn’t about scouting ability. (Alleged character issues were the reason for Marino’s fall in the draft.) It’s about overconfidence. “They’re too sure that they can predict the future,” he said.

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# Not exactly doctor’s orders, but medical apps still help

When I would have blood work done after visiting my doctor for a routine physical, little did I know I could have seen my results hours later on my iPhone instead of checking Instagram.

In my last column a couple weeks ago titled “I’ve got the iPhone blues”, I focused on spending time away from iPhones and the negative affects they have on users. According to Compuware, smartphone users have an average of 41 apps installed on their phones. Why not make some of those apps ones that benefit your health and well being?

One type of beneficial app I’d like to suggest is the mobile medi-

cal app. While other smartphone features disadvantage users, mobile medical apps provide users with substantial information helping them better their health.

Unlike addicting games such as Candy Crush and Angry Birds, medical apps connect smartphone users to what matters most, their health. These games ruin users’ vision because their eyes are glued to the bright screen for hours during the day. Medical apps only require a few minutes of attention and can teach users how to improve their eyesight along with many of their other medical needs.



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For the best medical advice, patients should always consult with their doctor. Medical apps are a secondary source providing information in the palm of your hand and supply valid information with credible sources.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, the FDA regulates “mobile medical applications” and urges app developers to contact them as soon as possible to apply for approval. It estimates that by 2015, more than 500 million smartphone users worldwide will be using health care applications.

Within the past decade, the FDA has cleared more than 100 apps, 40 of which were cleared within the past year.

I’ve found that one of the most beneficial mobile medical apps I use is for health care. I moved up to San Jose a year ago from San Diego and I continue to use Sharp Healthcare as my provider.

Upon opening the app, I am always prompted to enter my login username and password for security purposes. Since then, I’ve downloaded the mySharp app to manage my appointments, check bloods test results and message my primary care doctors.

Currently, the mySharp app has a four-star rating in the Google Play store and Apple app store.

Kaiser Permanente also offers a free app providing members with access to directions to provider locations, appointments, pharmacies and messaging. Users have rated the Kaiser Permanente app as three and a half stars in both the Google Play store and Apple app store.

Similar to online banking, I’m always concerned about the safety and security of logging into an app carrying private information such as bank account balances or medical records. Luckily for users, the FDA also oversees the safety of mobile medical apps.

Besides health care, medical apps are also a great way to check daily health. The Apple app store offers a wide variety of apps ranging from pregnancy tracking, to ordering contacts to monitoring menstrual cycles.

Downloading medical daily lifestyle apps makes it convenient for smartphone users to monitor

their daily activity privately on their phones, regardless of whether or not they have a healthcare provider.

WebMD, an American provider of health information services, is

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also a useful and free app giving users easy access to basic medical advice. The app provides suggestions for healthy living, symptom checking, conditions, first-aid essentials and local health listings.

Apps like Glucose Buddy provides users with access to recording glucose numbers, carbohydrate consumption, insulin dosages and activities. The app also syncs with users on glucosubuddy.com. The app is currently rated as four and a half stars in both the Google Play store and Apple app stores.

The next time you stop by your smartphone’s app store to update to the latest version of Facebook, consider checking out the category titled “medical” and see what might be in store for you.

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**Student from SJSU in response to “What’s up with the Wi-Fi?” online:**

I feel your pain. I am taking a computer science course and I thought my laptop was screwing with me. Now I know its not my laptop, but that it is the SJSU Wi-Fi. I don’t know what’s going to happen in my CS 46 class when we take online midterms. This semester is a total disaster for me and my CS 46 classmates unless SJSU does something.

**Kyle in response to “Students discuss the second amendment” online:**

This title expresses exactly what is wrong with the gun control debate. It is entirely about feelings over reason.

Gun control legislation is being passed by legislatures scared of guns without first taking the due diligence to figure out more reasonable laws to make gun ownership safer, while not restricting our constitutional right to own firearms. It’s this approach to strip us of our rights that causes The National Rifle Association, gun owners and future gun owners to fight every bit of gun control legislation with tooth and nail, leading to their own extreme views.

This failed approach is exactly why two Democratic state legislatures are facing voter-approved recall in Colorado.

Every gun owner I know is responsible and is deadly serious about carrying. Not one of them wants to use it against

another person. Instead of talking about changing the U.S. Constitution to deprive citizens of their guaranteed right, we should be talking about how to get guns out the hands of criminals (who by definition do not obey the law), and left in the hands of respectful, law-abiding citizens.

California has laws requiring background checks, safety certifications, and so many weapon restrictions that standard hand gun models need to be modified to be legal here. We aren’t in any urgent need to pass more restrictive laws in this state.

**Ted Rudlow III in response to “For the love of football” online:**

Sports really foster the spirit of competition. It’s the spirit of the world; the “me first” spirit—do what’s best for yourself, win no matter who you have to hurt or step on in order to get ahead of the next guy. That’s the spirit of the world, which is just the opposite of what Jesus wants to teach people—to love your neighbor as yourself. Of course, some form of sports is fine. It’s good exercise and can be good fun. But things in the world are so different, and when athletes get to the professional level where they’re being paid to win, it gets extremely competitive. It becomes almost a life-and-death spirit. But the world just loves it! See how this competitive sports thing has been the final stages of every great civilization and empire.

## Letters to the Editor

**Guest in response to “Cheerios controversy stirs interracial debate” online:**

I’m really surprised that General Mills or anyone else cares remotely about comments posted on a YouTube video. The comments section on YouTube videos are of no more importance, nor demonstrate a reflection of genuine social concerns, than the comments written on the toilet stall walls of a public bathroom. What’s more, they are usually generated by the same people; adolescents and adults who never grew out that mindset, who enjoy indiscriminately shocking and irritating anyone they can. I suspect that the great majority of the racist and sexist comments is made, not by anyone who seriously holds such objectionable views, but instead by trolls who simply ape a vulgar viewpoint to elicit a reaction.

**Seattle Spartan in response to “Coach’s Corner Week 4: Caragher sees progress despite loss to Minnesota” online:**

The 2012 team was a well-oiled machine. By the time of the Military Bowl, the offense and defense were operating beyond what anyone could expect or imagine at SJSU. On paper it was a strong team, but more importantly, on the field, it was a masterpiece.

Mac and staff leave, in comes Coach

Caragher and a new staff. Changes are made, the team struggles with poor execution and mistake-filled football in each of the first three games.

It seems, based on Caragher’s words, that our biggest challenge has been “adapting to new concepts and philosophies”. We now find ourselves 1-2, and being a 10-point underdog, at home, to another MWC team this Friday. Earlier this week, we read that our defense has been working extra hard to get down basics, like tackling and pursuit, that should have been addressed in March.

I’m not only distressed at the real possibility of this team finishing at, or below .500 this year, I’m also flabbergasted at how much of a struggle this first season has been for this staff. Caragher didn’t inherit what Mac did in 2010. This was a good team, a deep team, with a lot of skill

at every position, and more importantly, experience with winning, and winning decisively. They hadn’t shown any sign of that in 2012, only quick flashes here and there, not nearly enough to give any SJSU fan or supporter confidence that we’re still on course.

I just hope and pray that this coach and his staff figure out how to coach and lead this program before all momentum and prestige achieved over 2012 is gone and forgotten.

**Carlos in response to “Miss America 2014 sparks racial Twitter controversy” online:**

Apparently you are only “American” if you are white-skinned, blue-eyed, and blonde-haired just like in 1940s Germany. It’s a shame because our diversity is a strength, not a weakness.



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**David Fales**


**880** yards  
**6** touchdowns  
**3** interceptions  
**60.9** pct




**114** Billy Freeman




**106** Noel Grigsby



**103** Jabari Carr provides a solid option playing opposite Jones. He caught 15 passes for 91 yards in the last two games.



**91** With Noel Grigsby out, Kyle Nunn should see more opportunities as the number three wide receiver.



**370**


**Chandler Jones** had a career game last week against Minnesota with 197 yards and three touchdowns adding him to the Biletnikoff Award watch list.



**SJSU** is 17-14-1 all-time against **Utah State**. Oct. 13, 2012 was the last time the two teams met with the Spartans losing 27-49. David Fales was sacked 13 times and lost 102 yards. The teams tied 48-48 on Sept. 8, 1979.

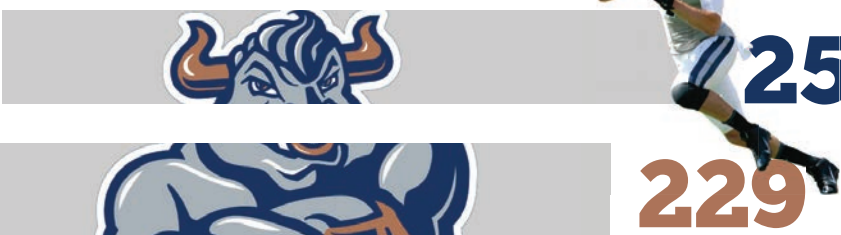
# Air Traffic

Top receivers for each team:




**Chuckie Keeton**


**1102** yards  
**14** touchdowns  
**1** interceptions  
**71.5** pct




**257**




**229**




**180** Bruce Natson



**116** Brandon Swindall



**94** Joe Hill



**Travis Reynolds** is one of five receivers with more than one touchdown. Three other receivers caught one touchdown.

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